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SUBJ: 1. [REDACTED] PROBABLE INCREASED  
PCCH SPONSORED VIOLENCE AFTER MARCH 1990;  
2. VIOLENT INCIDENTS DURING THE ELECTORAL PERIOD

DOI: [REDACTED] DECEMBER 1989

SUMMARY: [REDACTED] THE PCCH TO INCREASE VIOLENT ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE MARCH 1990 INAUGURATION AS A RESULT OF BEING UNSUCCESSFUL IN ELECTING CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. NUMEROUS VIOLENT INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING THE ELECTORAL PERIOD, ALTHOUGH FEWER THAN EXPECTED WERE TARGETED AT SECURITY OR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

TEXT: 1. [REDACTED]

2. IN MID-DECEMBER 1989, [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO A POST-ELECTION PROJECTION [REDACTED] THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) IS LIKELY TO BEGIN VIOLENT ACTIVITIES SHORTLY AFTER THE MARCH 1990 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION AS A RESULT OF ITS POOR ELECTORAL PERFORMANCE ON 14 DECEMBER. [REDACTED] THE FACT THAT THE PCCH OBTAINED NO CONGRESSIONAL SEATS WILL STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF THE HARDLINE FACTION WITHIN THE PCCH, WHO ADVOCATE THE MAINTENANCE OF A MILITARY CAPABILITY BECAUSE OF THE UNLIKELIHOOD THAT THE PCCH WILL PROGRESS ON THE DESIRED PATH TO POLITICAL POWER VIA ELECTORAL MEANS. THIS PHENOMENON COMBINED WITH THE LIKELY COOPERATION OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) WITH THE CENTER-RIGHT NATIONAL RENOVATION (RN) PARTY WILL MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR THE PCCH TO TURN TO THE MILITARY OPTION AS THE ONLY VIABLE TOOL TO ADVANCE PCCH INTERESTS. THE PCCH WILL DELAY MILITARY OPERATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE MARCH DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION TO AVOID GIVING A POTENTIAL EXCUSE TO THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES FOR INTERRUPTING THE PROCESS. IN ADDITION, THE PCCH WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT SUCH ACTIONS UNTIL THE PARTY IS ABLE TO DELIBERATE AND ORGANIZE ITS MEMBERSHIP OVER THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY SUMMER VACATION PERIOD.

3. [REDACTED] THE 14 DECEMBER ELECTION AND THE PERIOD THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED WAS REMARKABLY PEACEFUL, WITH NO HOSTILE EFFORTS DIRECTED AGAINST MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 15 DECEMBER MOB ACTION AGAINST THE NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER (CNI) REGIONAL OFFICE IN VINA DEL MAR. OTHER THAN IN VINA DEL MAR, THE ONLY INCIDENT OF ARMY PERSONNEL USING THEIR WEAPONS WAS IN LOS ANDES, WHEN A PATROL OPENED FIRE BRIEFLY WITH SHOTGUNS ON INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE VERBALLY INSULTING THEM. THE PATROL CEASED FIRE WHEN IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WERE NO THREAT AND JUST DRUNKENLY CELEBRATING THE OPPOSITION VICTORY. THE FEW ROUNDS FIRED DID NOT HIT ANYONE.

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING  
INCIDENTS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS WERE REPORTED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY FOR THE PERIOD 14-17  
DECEMBER:

A. 14-15 DECEMBER:

[REDACTED]

-- IN RANCAGUA, JUAN CARLOS ((NARVAEZ)) ACEVEDO, A MEMBER OF  
THE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ PATRIOTIC FRONT (FPMR), WAS ARRESTED FOR PLACING  
AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE LEONARDO DA VINCI  
UNIVERSITY IN THAT CITY.

-- IN VALDIVIA, A CACHE OF FIVE SHOTGUNS, 100 EXPLOSIVE  
DETONATORS AND FIVE PACKAGES OF AMONIUM-GELATIN EXPLOSIVES WAS  
DISCOVERED AND CONFISCATED.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. 15-16 DECEMBER:

-- IN SANTIAGO, AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DEFUSED AT THE  
FOURTH CARABINERO PRECINCT STATION.

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[REDACTED]

C. 16-17 DECEMBER:

[REDACTED]

-- IN MOLINA, AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DEACTIVATED.

-- IN TEMUCO, SIX SUPPORT TOWERS FOR HIGH-POWER LINES WERE THE TARGETS OF ATTEMPTED DEMOLITION BY EXPLOSIVE CHARGES.

-- IN CHILLAN, AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS USED AGAINST A DETENTION FACILITY. ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS ARRESTED FOR THIS ACTION.

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